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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Donald T. Shannon
Filing Date: November 29, 2001
Serial No.: 09/997,829
Title: DRUG ELUTING RADially EXPANDABLE TUBULAR STENTED GRAFTS

Assignee: Edwards Lifesciences Corp.
Examiner: Brian E. Pellegrino
Group Art Unit: 3738

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner in the Final Office Action dated June 2, 2004, rejecting claims 103-119.

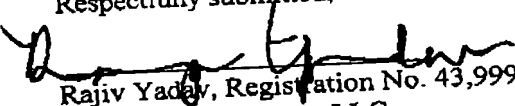
X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Notice of Appeal fee of \$340.00 under 37 CFR §41.20(b)(1) to Deposit Account No. 50-1225 (VAS-5041CIP2).

X Applicants hereby Petition for a One (1) month extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 based on the Final Office Action date of June 2, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$110.00 under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(2) to Deposit Account No. 50-1225 (VAS-5041CIP2).

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Date: October 4, 2004

Respectfully submitted,


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